

WV STATE FIRE COMMISSION MEETING
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April 17th, 2020

The official business meeting was called to order at 9:15AM by Chairman Grant Gunnoe.

ROLL CALL: by Administrative Secretary Kathryn Burns

Commissioners Present (Call In – Conference Call)

Dave Camp, Carl Eastham, Doug Estep, Edward George, Grant Gunnoe, Phil Hart, Martin Hess, Thomas Keefer, Doug Mongold, Jim Oldaker, Ted Shriver, Mark Stroop and Virgil White.

Commissioners Absent - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Eastham made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of the February 7th, 2020 Fire Commission Meeting, seconded by Commissioner White. With the ayes and nays have been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

No Committee Reports due to Covid 19 Restrictions.

OPERATIONS REPORTS:

No Operations Reports due to Covid 19 Restrictions

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Report on Appeal Request for Rockhaven Bed & Breakfast, Harper's Ferry, WV after 3 year allowance to provide a 3rd floor fire escape. (Lynne & Christian Pechuekonis).

Marshal Tyree reported to the Fire Commission that based on new legislation in SB 586 the Bed and Breakfast will be compliant. Marshal Tyree will send a letter to the owners. No action needed by the Fire Commission.

- 2) Consideration of Capon Valley VFD extension until June Fire Commission Meeting (Already received 180 extension prior)

Commissioner Eastham made a motion to approve the Capon Valley VFD extension until the June Fire Commission Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Mongold. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Consideration of Recertification of Fire Departments: Mason VFD, Triadelphia VFD, Stone Church VFD, Robert Ridge VFD, Washington Lands VFD, Paw Paw VFD, The Leading Creek VFD, Antawalt VFD, Gary VFD and Wharton Barrett VFD.

Commissioner Stroop made a motion to recertify Mason VFD, Triadelphia VFD, Stone Church VFD, Robert Ridge VFD, Washington Lands VFD, Paw Paw VFD, The Leading Creek VFD, Antawalt VFD, Gary VFD and Wharton Barrett VFD, seconded by Commissioner Eastham. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

ASFM Scott gave a report on the departments receiving 180 days. No action needed by the Fire Commission.

Marshal Tyree gave a report noting that due to Covid 19 restrictions the agency has suspended in person Fire Department evaluations until 2021 and that the agency is reviewing the self-evaluation requirements. No action needed by the Fire Commission.

- 2) Consideration of Perfect Evaluation Recertification of Fire Departments: Whitesville VFD, Morrisvale VFD, Teays Valley VFD and Shirley VFD.

Commissioner White made a motion to recertify those departments receiving perfect evaluations, Whitesville VFD, Morrisvale VFD, Teays Valley VFD and Shirley VFD, seconded by Commissioner Eastham. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

- 3) Consideration of Fire Officer 1 & 2 Applications: Christopher Ball FO2- Milton VFD.

Commissioner Mongold made a motion to approve Christopher Ball FO2 application, seconded by Commissioner Camp. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote the motion passed.

- 4) Consideration of Roxanne Lester, City of Bluefield- Provisional Property Maintenance and Housing Inspector.
- 5) Consideration of Jackie Tinney II, City of Richwood- Provisional Property Maintenance and Housing Inspector.
- 6) Consideration of Rick Cary, City of Bluefield – Provisional Property Maintenance and Housing Inspector.

Commissioner White made a motion to approve Roxanne Lester, City of Bluefield- Provisional Property Maintenance and Housing Inspector, Jackie Tinney II, City of Richwood- Provisional Property Maintenance and Housing Inspector and Rick Cary, City of Bluefield – Provisional Property Maintenance and Housing Inspector, seconded by Commissioner Eastham. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed. All done in one

- 7) Consideration of Assistant Fire Marshal I & II, Fire Services Position Description Policy Update.

Commissioner Mongold made a motion to approve the Assistant Fire Marshal I & II, Fire Services Position Description Policy update as presented, seconded by Commissioner Oldaker. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

- 8) Report on New Sub Station Requests.

Commissioner Gunnoe gave a report noting there is nothing in code stating the Fire Commission needs to approve Sub Station requests and that a letter will be sent making the departments aware of the information.

Commissioner Oldaker made a motion to accept the report by Commissioner Gunnoe and that going

forward the Commission won't be approving Sub Stations, but they do request that departments make them aware of said decision, seconded by Commissioner Mongold. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

9) Report of Legislative Bills- Fire Marshal Tyree.

Marshal Tyree gave a report on passed legislation that pertained to the Fire Marshal's office and entertained questions.

Council Nowicki reported on the need for the Fire Commission to establish an effective date on passed legislation, HB 4275, regarding the Building Code and Fire Code.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to establish the effective date for the State Building Code and Fire Code as August 1st, 2020, seconded by Commissioner White. With the Ayes and Nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Marshal Tyree gave a report on the status of the Fire Marshal's Office during the Covid-19 restrictions and possible changes the office is researching to the 80 hour in class requirement for Home Inspectors during the Covid-19 restrictions.

Commissioner Gunnoe requested that prior to the May 28th, 2020 effective date of SB 586 a letter be sent to the Commissioners explaining the changes to the Fire Commission.

Marshal Tyree and Counsel agreed to do so.

Commissioner Mongold inquired about any update to the Berkeley County FDID request.

Marshal Tyree noted it has not moved forward and will not until all criteria is met.

Commissioner Mongold requested the Fire Marshal's office establish a way for EVP permits to be done on-line.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING(S):

Next regularly scheduled Committee Meetings will take place Thursday, June 4th, 2020 at the WV State Fire Marshal's Office, Charleston, WV beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Next regularly scheduled Fire Commission Meeting will take place Friday, June 5th, 2020 at the WV State Fire Marshal's Office, Charleston, WV beginning at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURN:

Commissioner Mongold made a motion to adjourn at 10:05AM, second by Commissioner

Eastham, with all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.